

The Landscape of My Beginnings
A Boy's Diary

Chapter 2

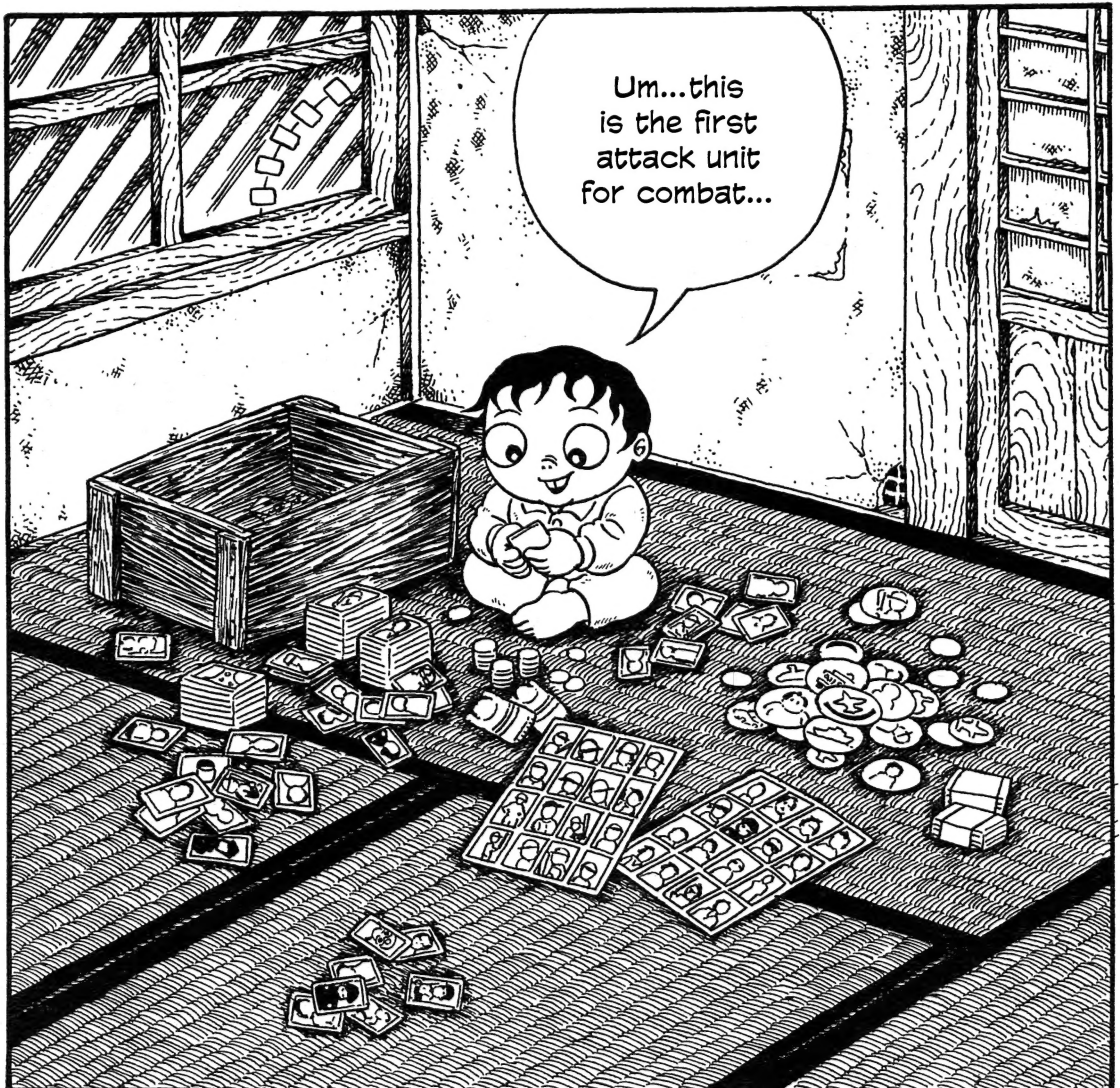
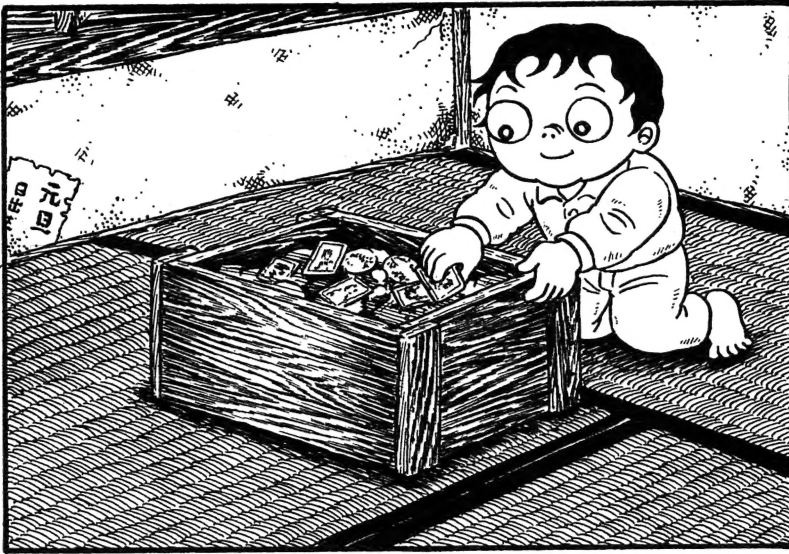
The Day My Mother Burned My Menko Cards

Hideshi Hino

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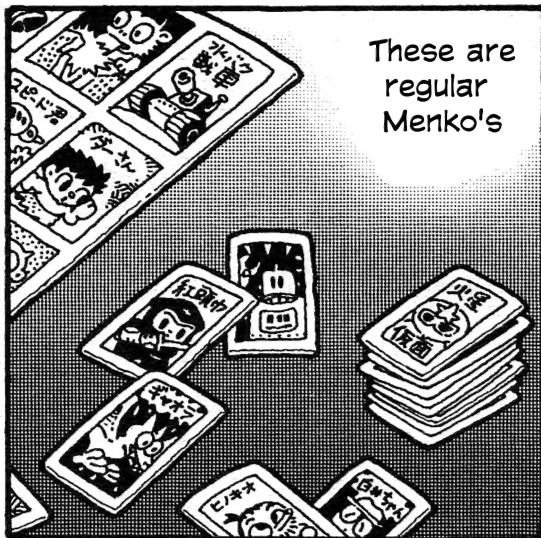
(Sunday)
October 15th

Today, I
spent the
entire day
organizing
and taking
care of my
Menko Cards.
They are my
treasures.

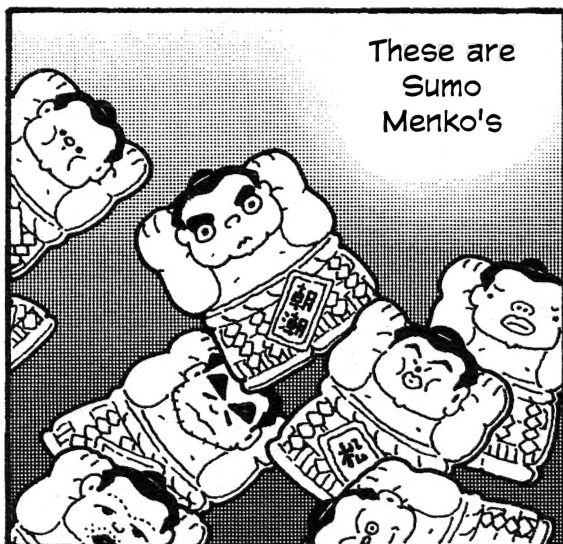




These are
big round
ones



These are
regular
Menko's



These are
Sumo
Menko's

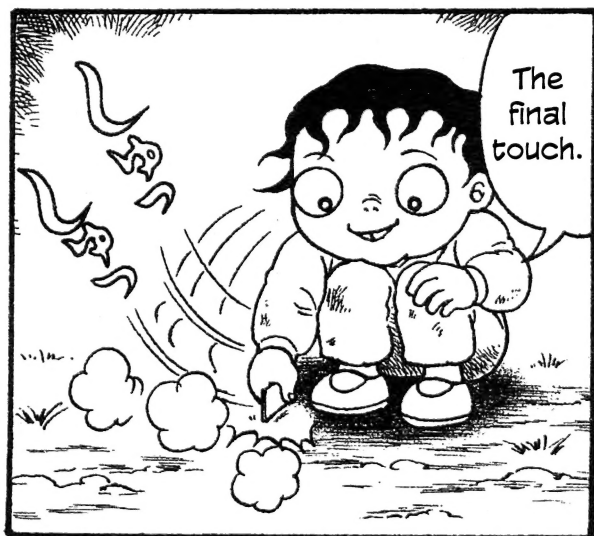
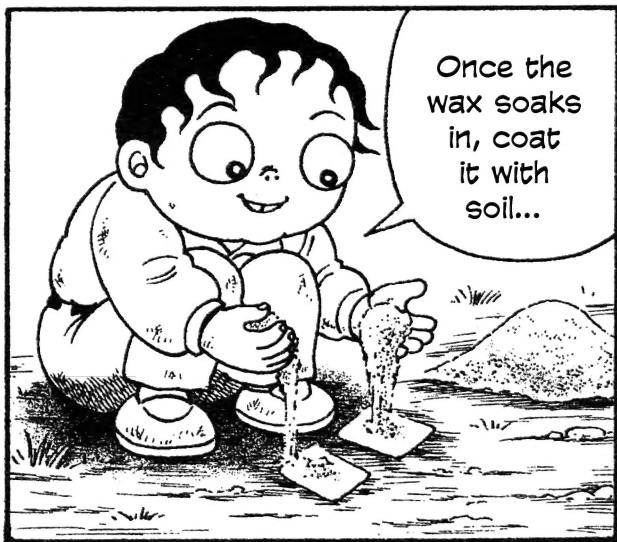
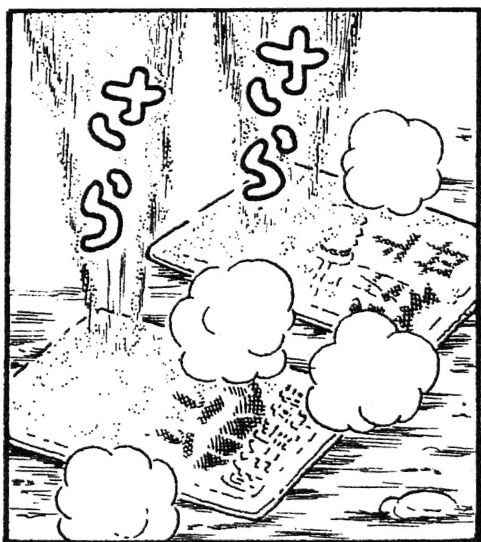
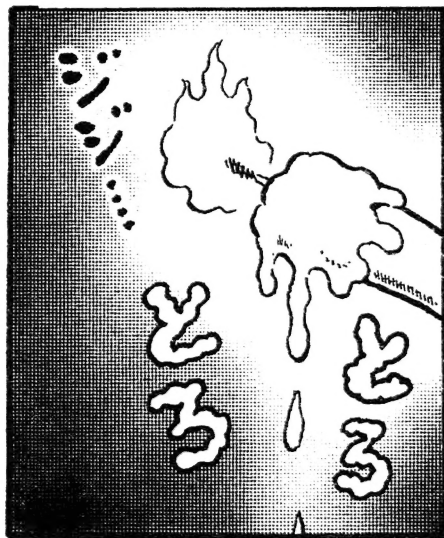
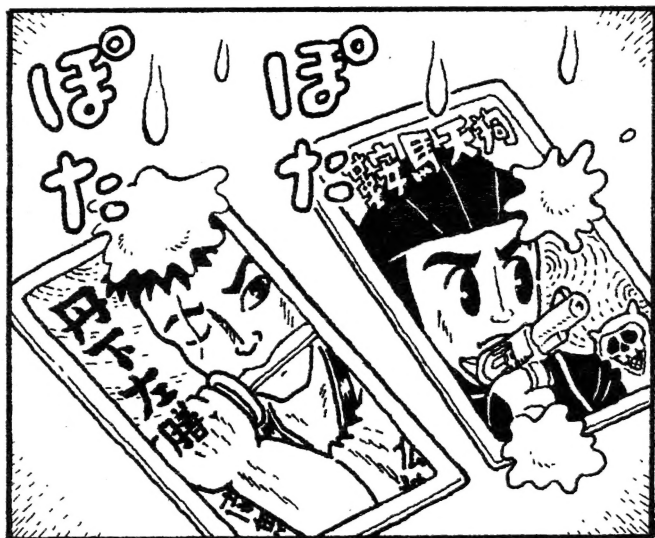


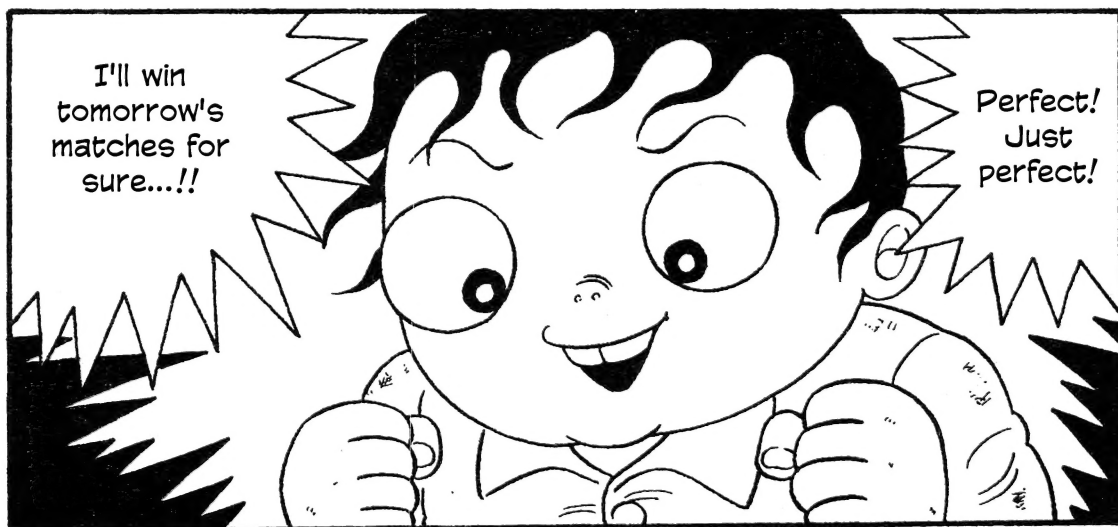
These are
small
throwing
ones



With these,
tomorrow's
gonna be a
huge
showdown....!!

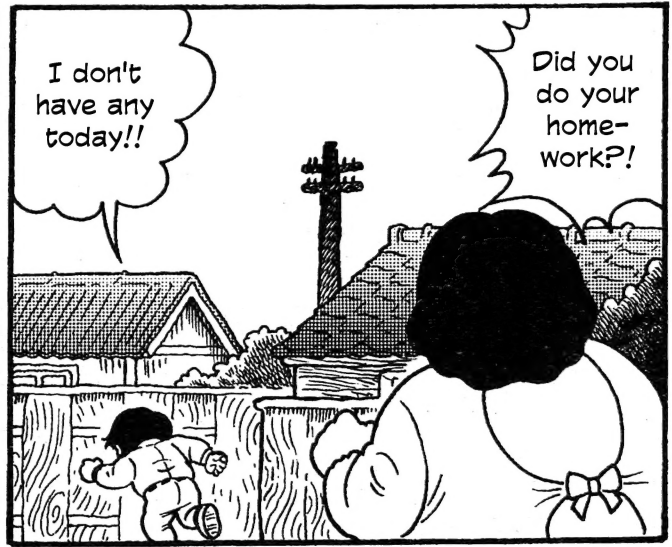
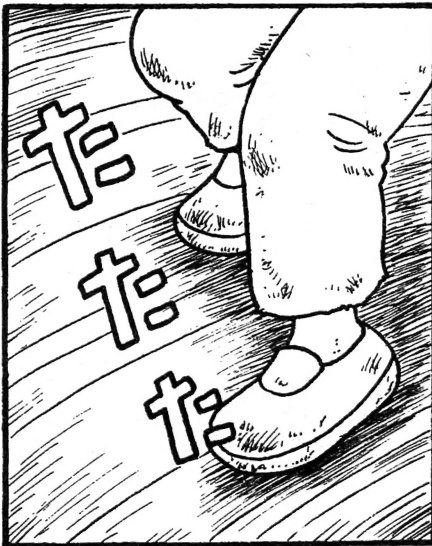
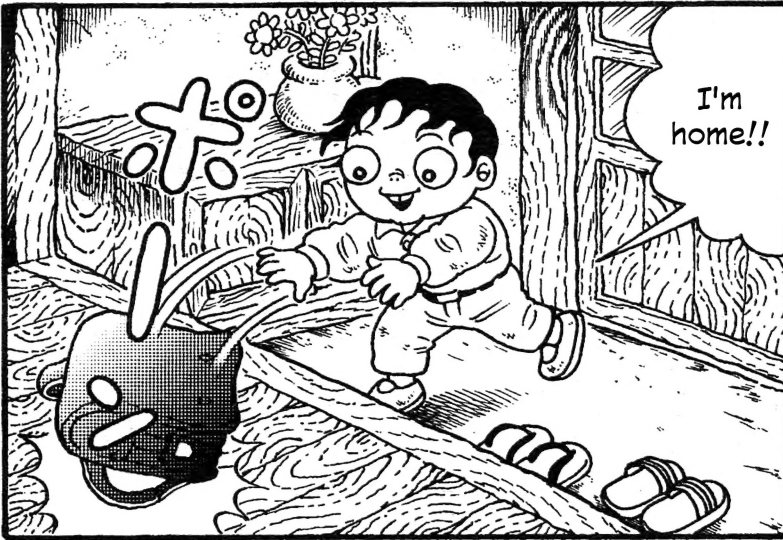
Alright! I'll
make Kurama Tengu
and Tange Sazen
the main
characters!!

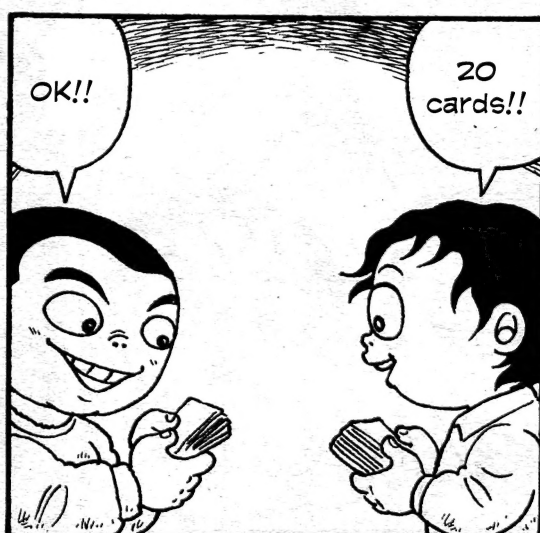


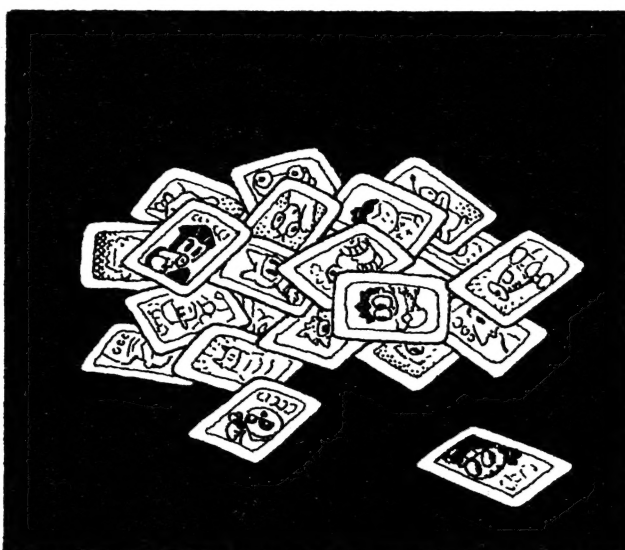
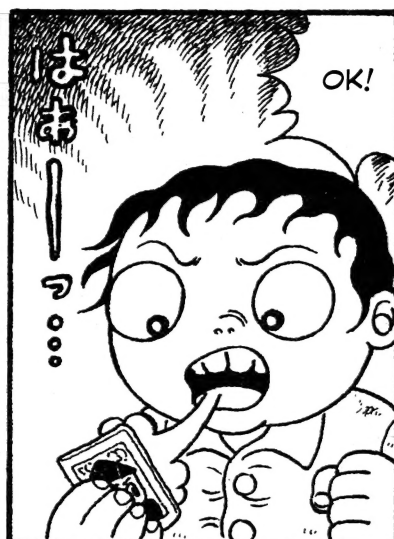


(Monday)
October 16th

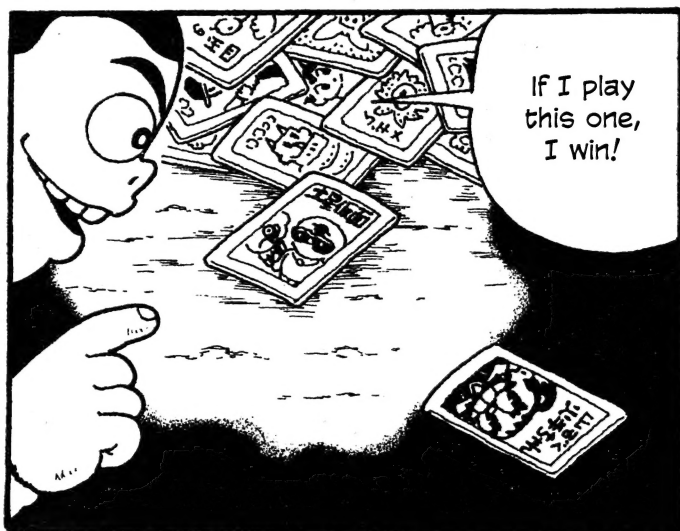
The next day, as soon as I got home from school, I headed off to the usual alley.

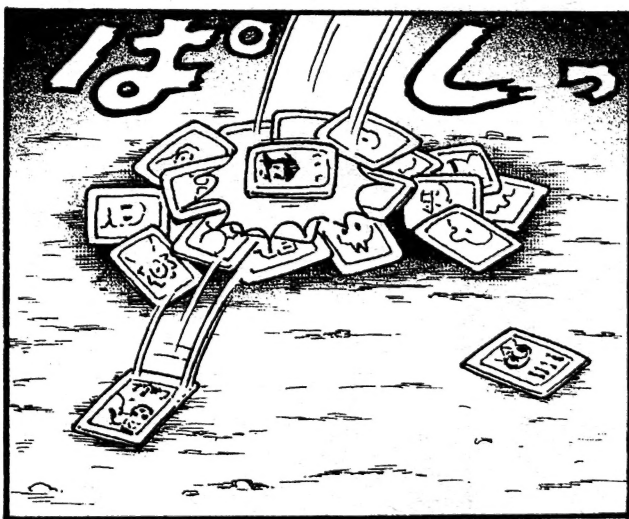
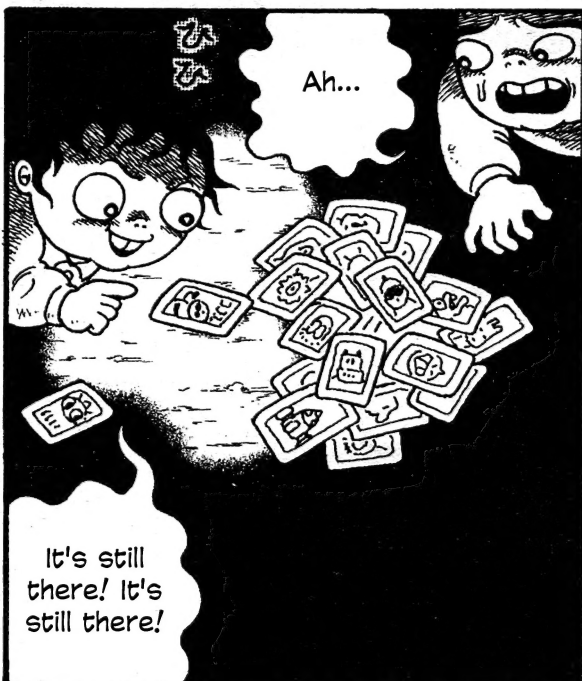
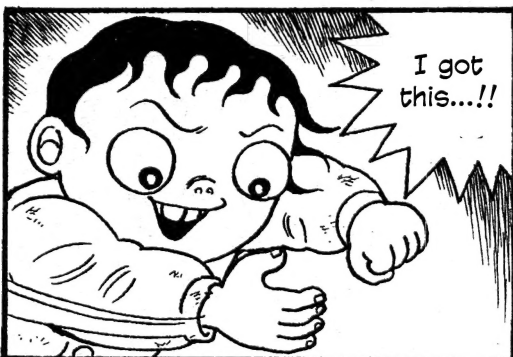
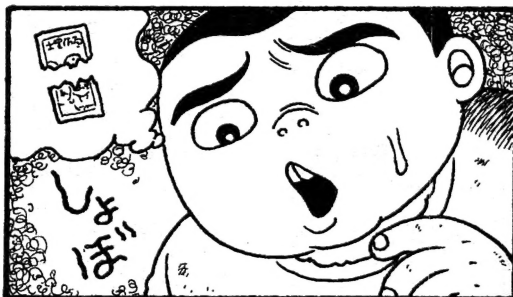
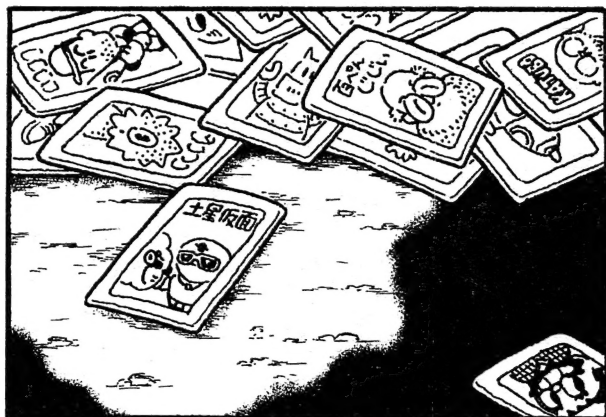


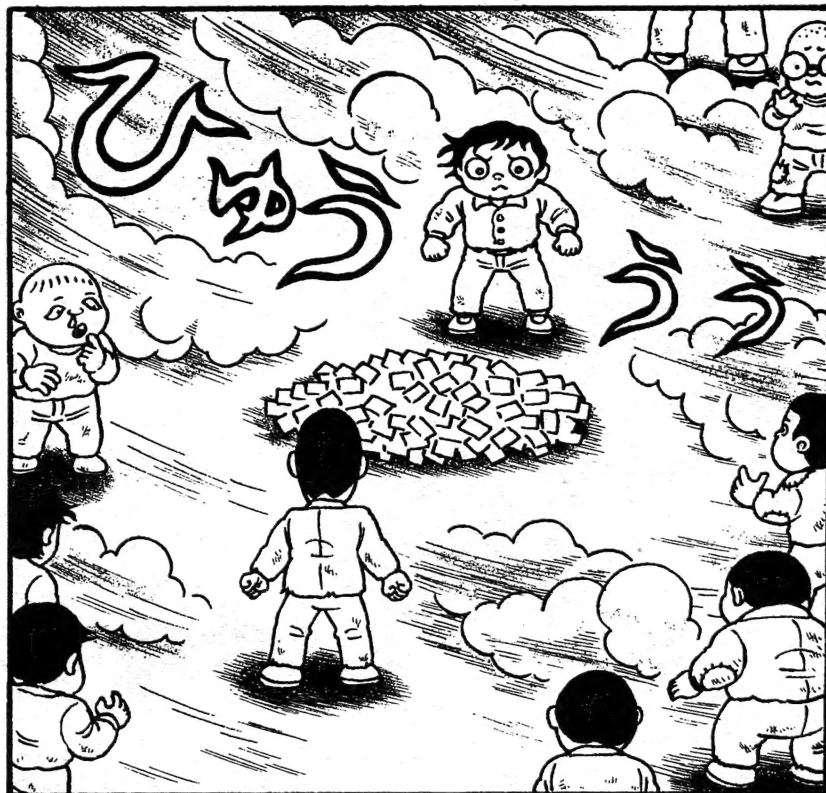




The game Mitsushima involves taking cards out of the pile to form what is called Three Islands, And if you can do it, you win.



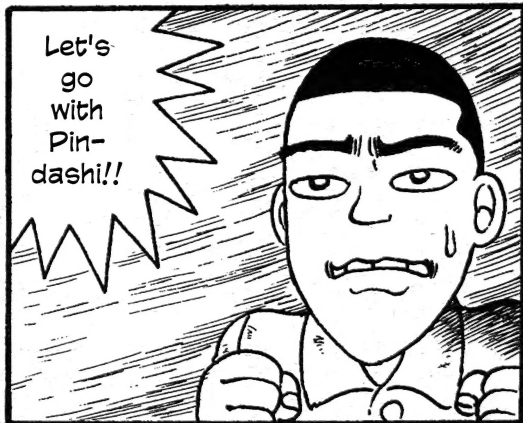




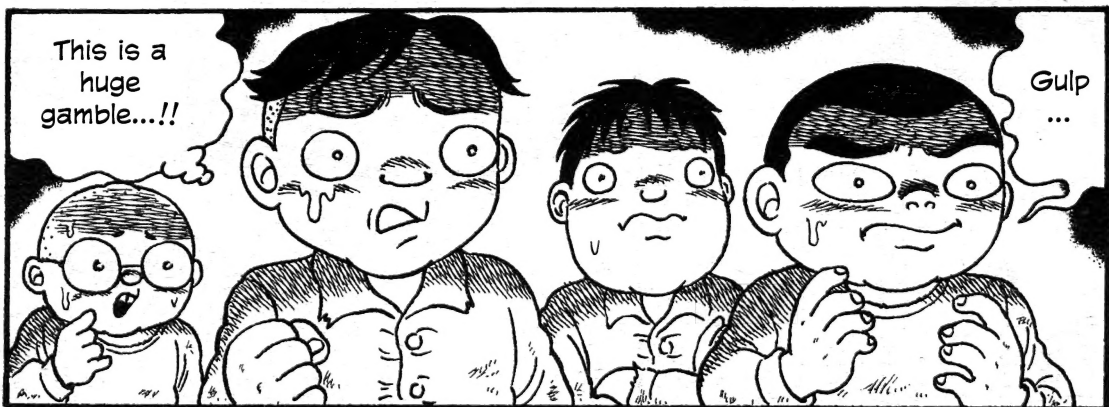
That day, starting with only 30 cards from the first game, I kept winning until I had 150. Only me and Yacchan were left in this high-stakes showdown.



Alright! I accept the challenge!

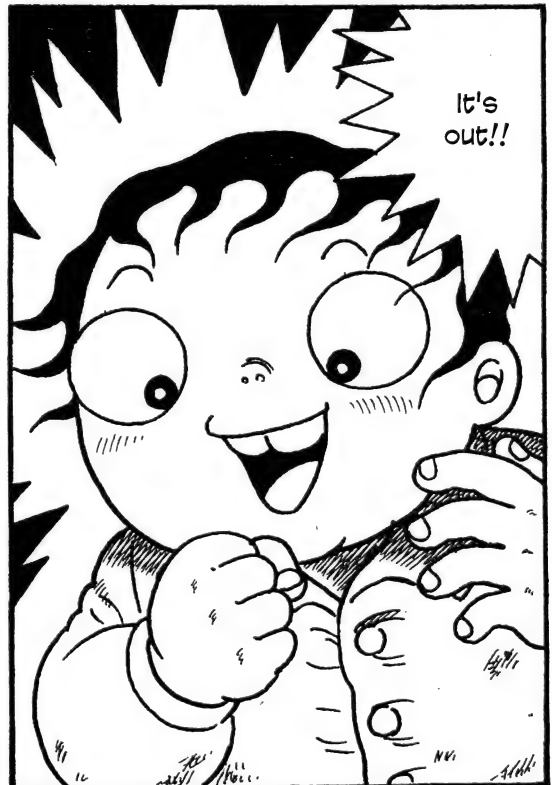
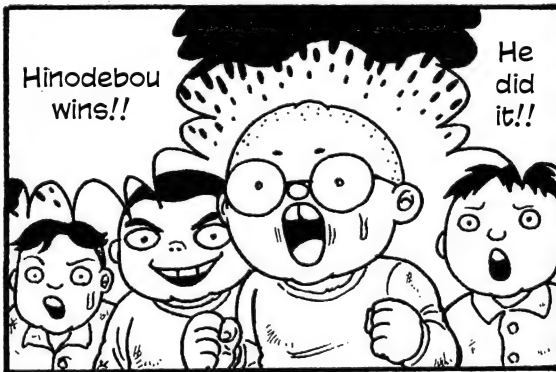
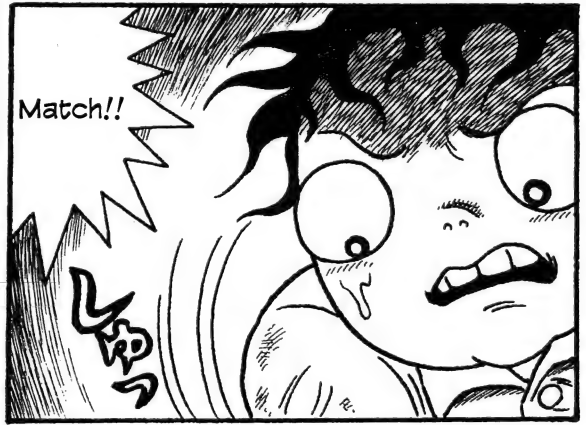
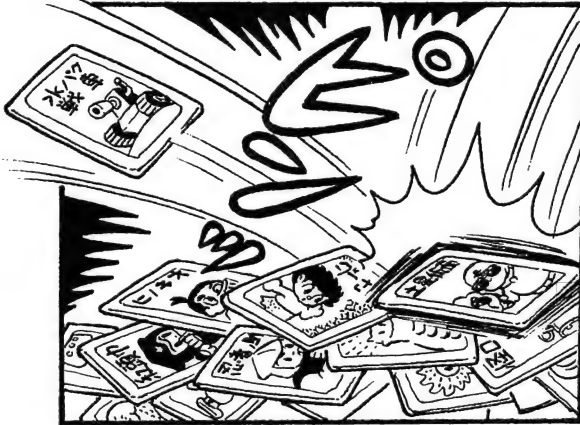


Let's go with Pin-dashi!!



This is a huge gamble...!!

Gulp ...





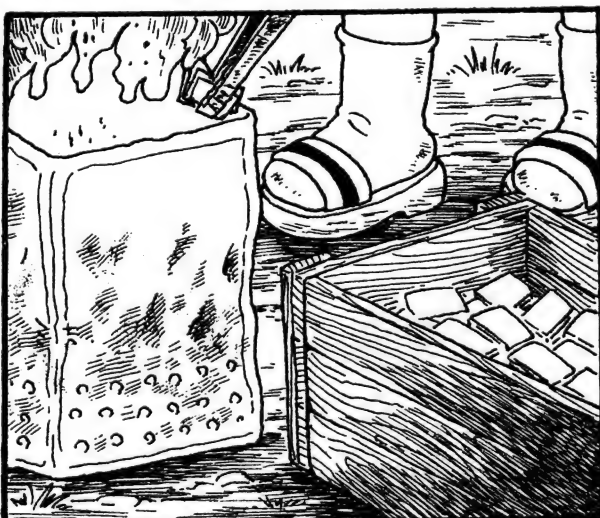
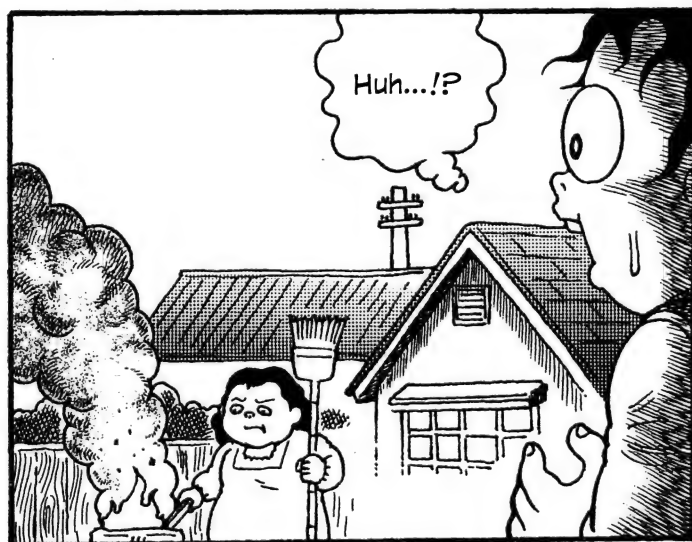
As the sun
began
to set,
I led
everyone
home in
a grand
triumphant
march.

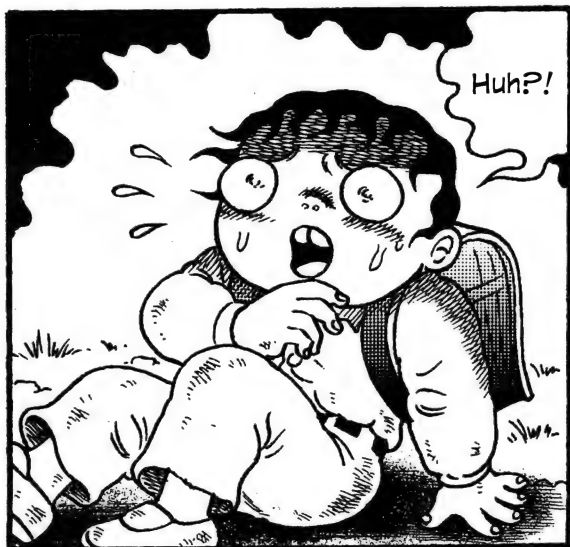
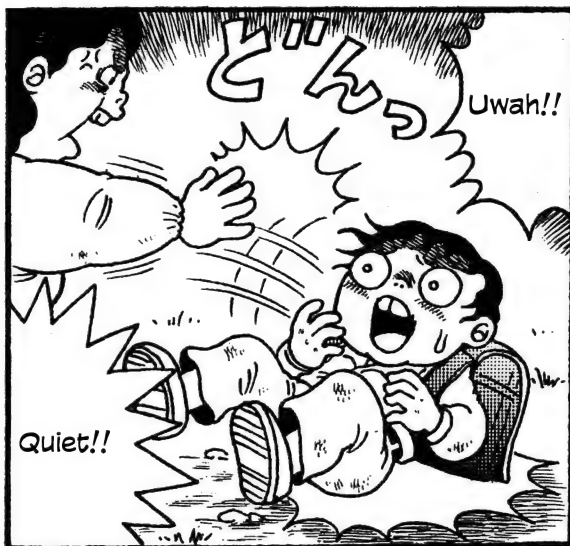


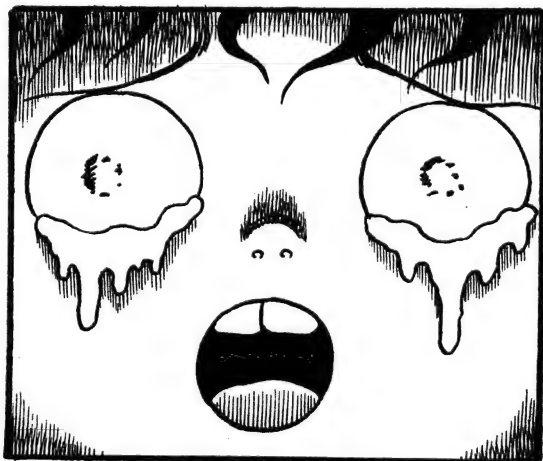
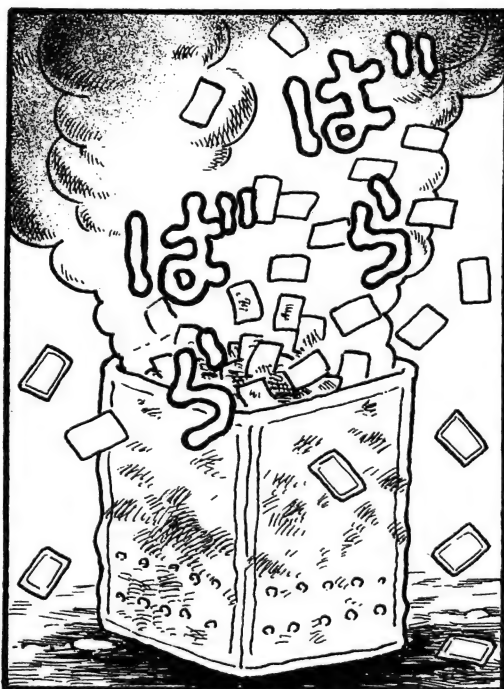
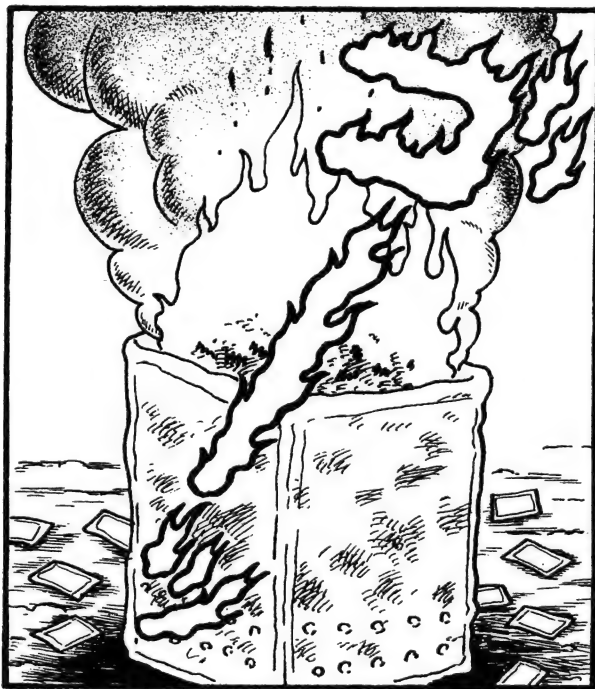


(Tuesday)
October 7th

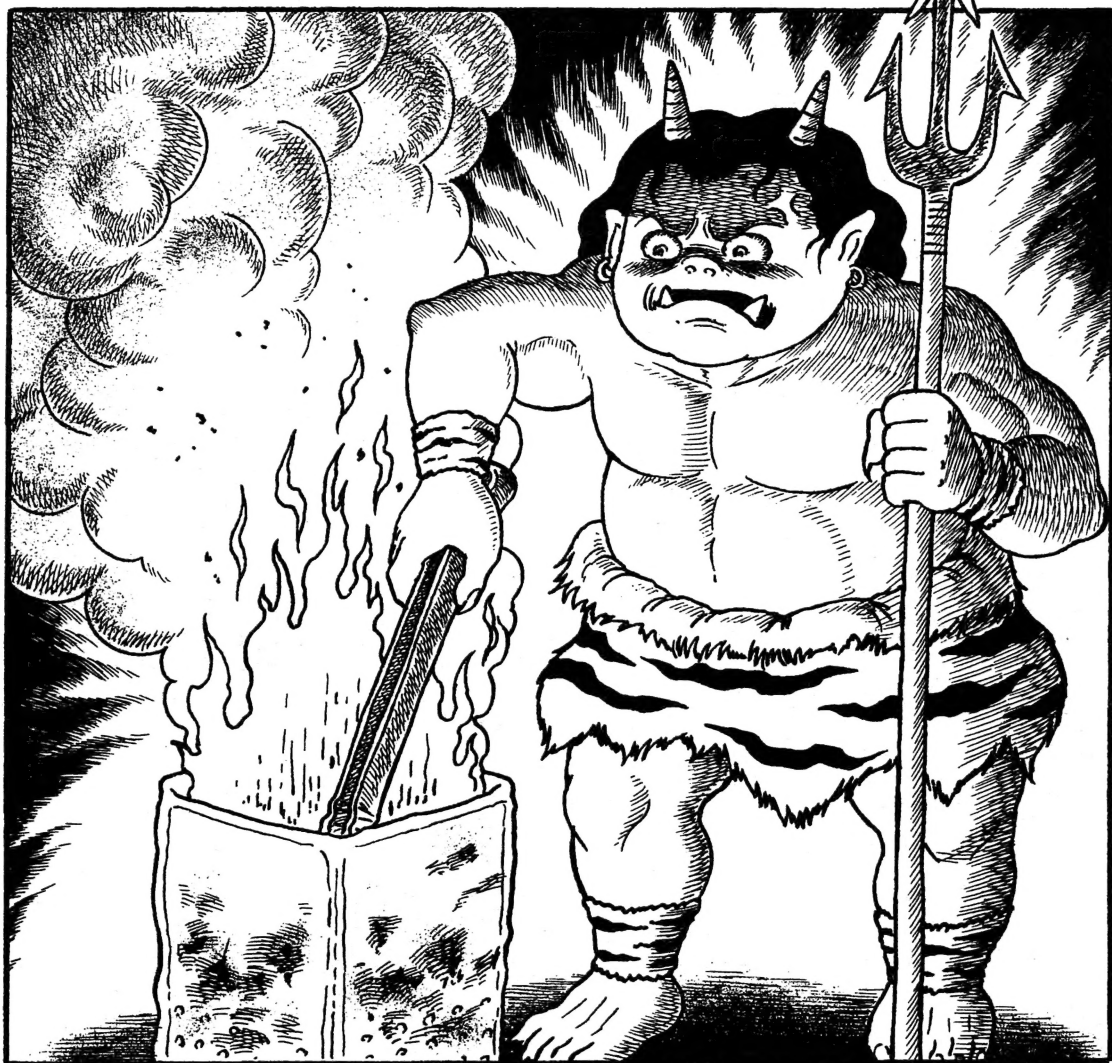
That day, as I returned home from school, the greatest tragedy befell my beloved and prized Menko cards.



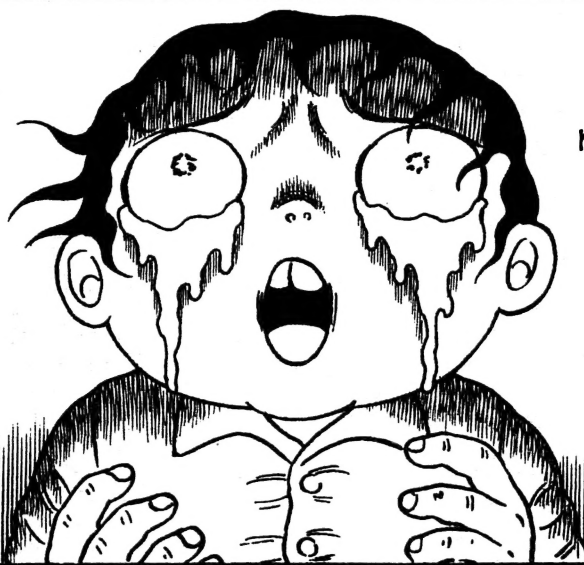




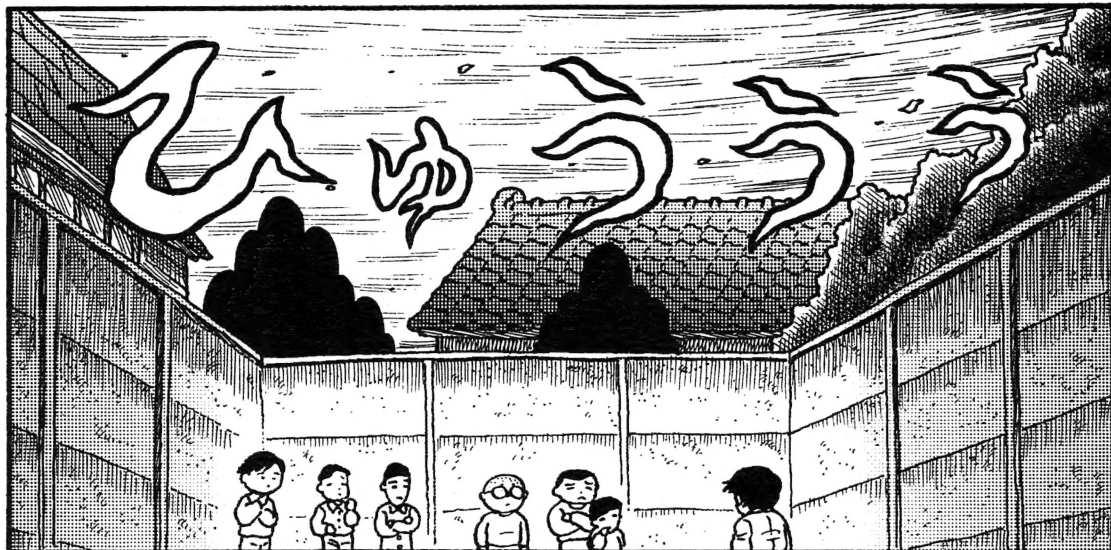


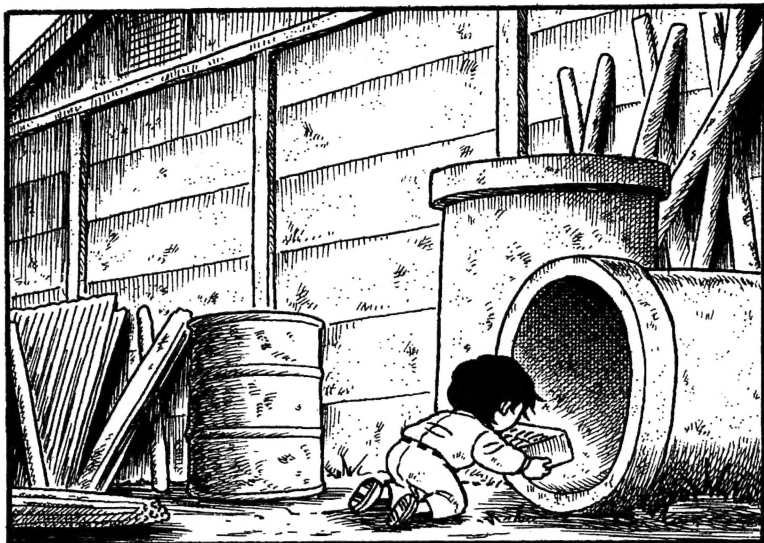


My
mother
looked
like
a demon
from hell.

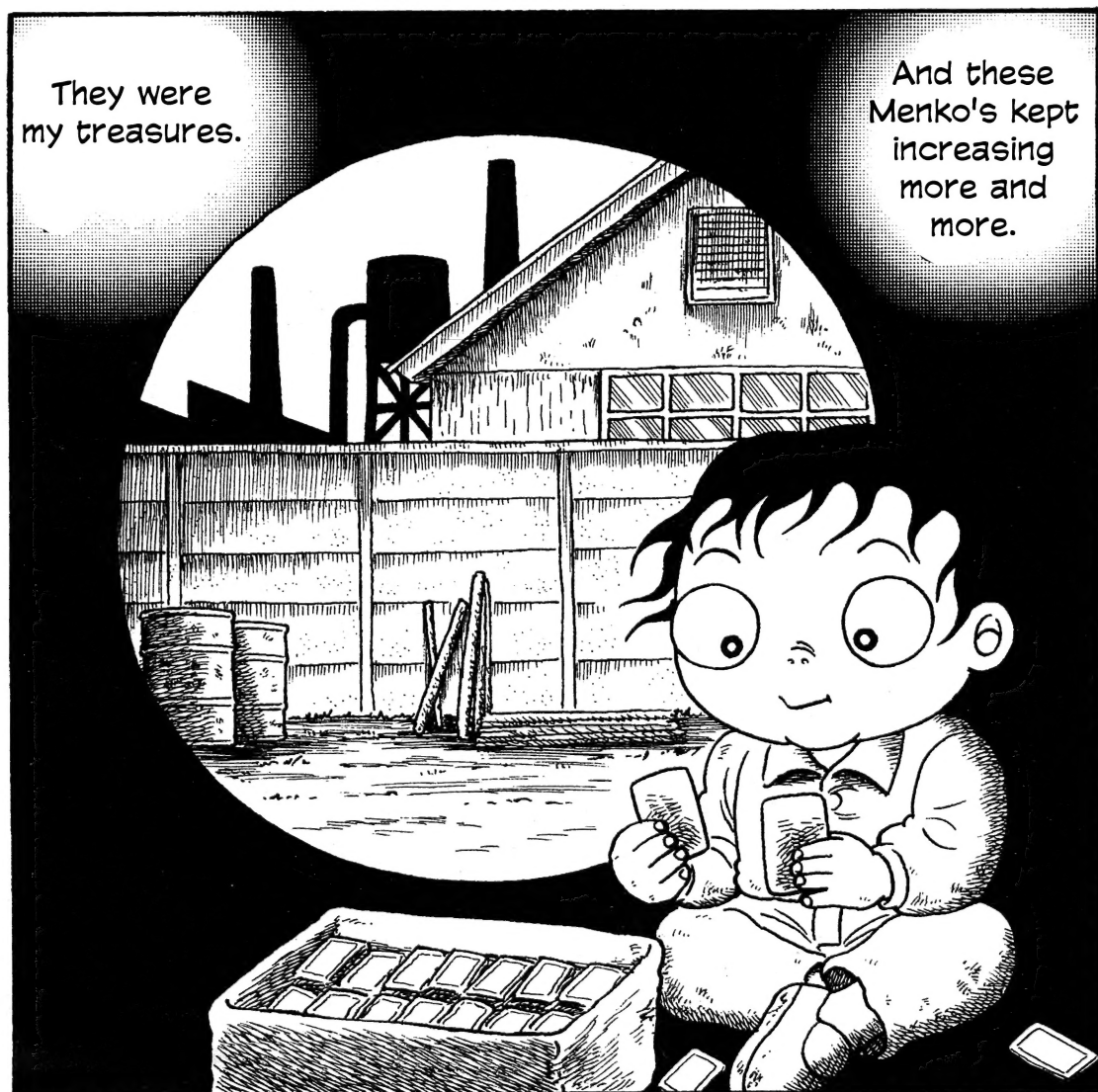


That day,
my treasure
vanished
into the
sky as a
cloud of
smoke.





With the Menko's everyone gave me, I kept on winning until I had the same amount I had already lost. But, this time I hid them in a secret hiding place.



They were my treasures.

And these Menko's kept increasing more and more.